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SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment (EA) for Security Forces Dog Kennel Building

 Please see the following deliverable: Attached is the Draft copy of Project Work: MXRD 03 0113, EA for Security Forces Dog Kennel Building, F19650-02-D-0010/ Delivery Order 44.

- 2. This office has conducted several reviews of the subject document, coordinated with appropriate organizations, and performed site visits. The consultant properly incorporated our comments. The subject document meets the criteria as described in Para 1.6.4.4.
- If you have any questions or comments please contact me at x4667.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SECTION 1.0

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose and Need

This Environmental Assessment has been prepared by Advanced Environmental Solutions, Inc. (AES) to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed construction of a building addition and new training area at the existing Military Work Dog (MWD) Kennel (Building 1444), at the northern end of Hamilton Street in the eastern portion of the Hanscom Air Force Base (HAFB) Installation, Lexington, Massachusetts. The Site location map is included in Appendix A. The proposed building addition and outdoor training area will provide better MWD housing and training facilities, and will allow the 66th Security Forces Squadron to better carry out their mission.

1.2 Authority

The Environmental Assessment was prepared under the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended, and all other applicable federal environmental regulations. The document meets the provisions of *Air Force Instruction* 32-7061, effective 24 January 1995, implementing the tasks and procedures for the Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP). Construction of the addition to Building 1444 and the MWD outdoor training area will be completed utilizing Department of Defense (DoD) funds.

SECTION 2.0

ALTERNATIVES

2.1 No Action

The purpose of the proposed addition to Building 1444 and the modification the outdoor MWD training area is to provide for better MWD kennel and training facilities. This will also allow the 66th Security Forces Squadron to potentially house additional Military Work Dogs at the facility, provide better training, and ultimately enable the 66th Security Forces Squadron to better carry out their mission. Without construction of the proposed storage building, the Squadron will be without suitable and appropriate MWD kennel and training facilities, and would be limited in their ability to carry out their mission.

2.2 Design Site Plan Around Environmental Constraints

The selected alternative involves construction of a 2,400 square foot (approximate area of building footprint) addition to the existing building, and extending the fencing surrounding the exterior dog training area to the west of the current configuration. The building addition will measure approximately 40 feet by 60 feet, and will be attached to the west side of existing Building 1444. The exterior training area will measure 120 feet by 120 feet, will be enclosed by a chain link fence, and will extend westward approximately 120 feet from the west end of the proposed building addition. The proposed layout is shown on the design drawing (Appendix A). The purpose of the building addition and new training area is to support the mission of the 66th Security Forces Squadron, and provide better and more appropriate training and kennel facilities.

The site plan was developed with due consideration of relevant environmental and community factors. For example, LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. (LEC) conducted wetland boundary determinations and wildlife habitat evaluations (Fall 1994) for the entire base. Based on a Site visit and inspection, a review of the document prepared by LEC, and other information (e.g., MassGIS on-line information), no

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wetlands or significant wildlife were identified on or adjacent to the site and the proposed site plan will result in minimal impacts to the surrounding environment and Hanscom residential and business community. The proposed footprint of the building addition is located within the existing MWD outdoor training area, covered by grass. The area proposed for construction is currently not occupied by permanent structures. Based on the need for the addition to Building 1444, and the modification to the outdoor MWD training area, this alternative has been selected as the preferred scenario.

SECTION 3.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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SECTION 4.0

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1 General Site Description

Hanscom AFB is located approximately 18 miles northwest of Boston, Massachusetts. The property presently occupied by Hanscom AFB was initially established as the Auxiliary Boston-Bedford Airport on 14 May 1941 by an act of the Great General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On 29 June 1942, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts formally transferred the airport, containing 500 acres, to the federal government for the purpose of constructing an airfield, which was constructed and used by the Army Air Force during World War II. The Base currently contains 846 acres of which 153 acres are leased to organizations outside of the Air Force (Benham, 1991).

The proposed construction project is located at the northwest end of Hamilton Street in the eastern portion of HAFB in the Town of Lexington, Massachusetts. The proposed building addition footprint is located within the existing MWD outdoor training area adjacent to existing Building 1444 which houses the MWD kennels of the 66th Security Forces Squadron.

4.2 Surficial Geology, Topography and Soils

Approximately 10,000 years ago, during the last glacial retreat, much of the area between Route 2A in Lincoln and Route 62 in Bedford was inundated by Glacial Lake Concord. This glaciation influenced the soil types and topographic features distributed throughout the Base. However, human activity has dramatically impacted the natural distribution of soils and original topography, and little of this glaciation can be observed today. The glaciolacustrine deposits (lakebed sediments) that formed the bottom of Glacial Lake Concord were evenly distributed over thousands of years creating little topographic relief.

According to the Soil Conservation Service Interim Report for Middlesex County, (Concord Quadrangle) dated March, 1991 (3rd edition), soils on the Base and in the vicinity of the Site generally consist of a combination of Udorthents (soils altered by earth moving activities) and/or Urban Land (soils mostly covered by impervious surfaces). The remaining soils on the base are composed primarily of loamy sands or fine sandy loams associated with glaciofluvial deposits.

4.3 Wetlands and Water Quality

During the site visit performed by AES, no wetland resource areas were observed within 100 feet of the proposed activities. In addition, the Massachusetts Geographic Information System (MassGIS) web-site for wetlands (www.state.ma.us/mgis/mapping.htm or maps.massgis.state.ma.us/WETLANDS12K) which displays the 1:12,000 MADEP Wetlands datalayer, indicates that there are no wetlands within at least 500 feet of the proposed construction site. Therefore, no direct disturbance or impacts to wetland resource areas are likely to result from the proposed construction activities. Inspection of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (Community Panel # 250198 0005 C) indicates that the site is located within Zone C, designated as areas of minimal flooding.

4.4 Historical and Archeological Resources

The Public Archeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) conducted an Archeological Reconnaissance Survey and Soils Inspection of HAFB in November 1991. The report (PAL, Inc., 1992) documented areas of potential cultural deposition and standing structures of historical significance. No significant structures were located within the area of proposed activity, and the area was designated with "low archaeological sensitivity". Areas of potential cultural deposition and those with moderate to high archaeological sensitivity are located beyond the area of proposed activity and thereby unaffected by the proposed activities. In addition, the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) has determined this project is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources. The response from the MHC is included in Appendix B.

4.5 Threatened and Endangered Species

According to information compiled by the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP), and presented on the MassGIS web site (www.state.ma.us/mgis/mapping.htm or maps.massgis.state.ma.us/21e), there are no certified vernal pools or NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife in Wetland Areas (i.e., NHESP Habitats) in the vicinity of the proposed construction site.

LEC conducted a Comprehensive Ecological Analysis of Hanscom AFB in 1994 and 1995. In the Ecological Analysis (LEC, 1995), two endangered species were identified within the confines of Hanscom AFB. The two species identified on-base were the Eastern Longhorn Elderberry Beetle and the Spotted Turtle. However, the LEC report indicates that the wetland areas where these species were identified are not located in the vicinity of the proposed project areas.

SECTION 5.0

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

5.1 Wetlands and Water Quality

No wetland resource areas were observed within 100 feet of the proposed activities. In addition, the MassGIS MADEP Wetlands datalayer map indicates that there are no wetlands within at least 500 feet of the proposed construction site. Therefore, no direct disturbance or impacts to wetland resource areas are likely to result from the proposed construction activities. The construction of the MWD Kennel building addition is not expected to result in a significant increase in surface water runoff, or a decrease in infiltration, and is not expected to affect water quality.

5.2 Noise and Air Quality

Increases in noise levels, associated with construction, are anticipated at the site during regular daylight work hours (7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). These increases in noise will persist throughout the construction process, primarily associated with regular day time work hours in order to deter from disrupting HAFB residents. Activities associated with an increase in noise levels are temporary and will cease upon completion of each workday. Although the proposed project is estimated to take approximately 2 to 3 months, increases in noise levels are not anticipated to have long term negative impacts to the environmental quality of the Hanscom community. In addition, construction activities and subsequent operation of construction equipment will result in a temporary increase in air pollutants. Construction activities will result in emissions from equipment and elevated levels of dust in the air. These impacts will be temporary and minimal to the overall air emissions on the Base. No measurable impacts to air quality are anticipated in relation to the proposed construction activities.

5.3 Terrestrial Environment

Portions of the proposed construction will temporarily disrupt the existing terrestrial environment within the project area. The surface of the area to be impacted currently consists of the grass-covered MWD training area. Existing pedestrian and vehicular circulation adjacent to the site are not anticipated to be effected during proposed construction activities.

5.4 Solid Waste Materials

The proposed construction is likely to generate solid waste materials consisting of building construction materials packaging (e.g., paper or plastic waste). The selected contractor will be responsible for compliance with Air Force and Base requirements for recycling and appropriate disposal of any non-recyclable materials. It is anticipated that such compliance will be a requirement outlined in the contract for the construction of the facilities outlined herein.

SECTION 6.0

MITIGATION MEASURES

The following mitigation measures are proposed to protect the adjacent surroundings during and following the proposed construction activities.

6.1 Wetlands

Not wetland resource areas were observed within 100 feet of the proposed activities, however an erosion and sedimentation control program will be implemented, as necessary, to prevent silt-laden runoff from entering the adjacent roadway/paved parking area and drainage system. As warranted, a siltation barrier composed of filter fabric (i.e., silt fence), or equivalent, will be installed within the lawn areas around the perimeter of the proposed construction area.

6.2 Noise and Air Quality

Increases in noise levels, associated with construction, are anticipated at the site during regular daylight work hours. Little can be done to mitigate short-term noise generated by construction activities. However, construction activities will be restricted to weekday hours. In addition, construction activities will result in emissions from construction equipment and elevated levels of dust in the air. If necessary, a watering truck will be utilized during construction to minimize airborne dust.

6.3 Terrestrial Environment

Disturbance to the grassy areas beyond the building footprint will be restored to its existing condition by placement of topsoil followed by hydro-seeding. Vehicular and pedestrian circulation adjacent to the site are not anticipated to be affected during proposed construction activities. However, in the event that circulation patterns are disturbed, traffic will appropriately re-routed.

6.4 Solid Waste Materials

Solid waste generated from the proposed construction project will be transported to the HAFB Waste Transfer Station (Building 1855). In the event that unexpected waste material is encountered during construction, the appropriate authority will be notified. Recycling requirements for the proposed project are outlined in Section 5.4 of this report.

SECTION 7.0

COORDINATION

7.1 Initial Coordination

Coordination letters requesting comments on the proposed project were mailed on March 12, 2004 to the individuals and resource agencies listed in this section. The coordination letter included a brief explanation of the proposed work and a copy of a location map and pertinent design drawings (Appendix B). The comment period for resource agencies to respond to the coordination letters is 30 days.

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7.2 Comments and Letters Received

The 30-day comment period to respond to the coordination letter closed on April 12, 2004. Resource agencies that did not respond within the 30-day comment period were contacted by phone, if possible, to ensure their involvement in the planning process. The following summarizes the comments, if any, which were received from each agency. Copies of agency response letters are included in Appendix B.

Mr. Robert W. Golledge, Jr.

Commissioner, MADEP: See attached response letter

Mr. James Sprague

MADEP, NERO Division of Watershed Management - Wetlands Program: No Comment

Mr. John Zajac

MADEP, NERO Division of Watershed Management: No Comment

Mr. Todd A. Frederick

Acting Director, MA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation: No Comment – Dept. defers to NHESP

Mr. Wayne F. MacCallum

Director, Division of Fisheries & Wildlife: No Comment - Division defers to NHESP

Mr. Edward Reiner

U.S. EPA Region 1, Wetland Protection Section: AES received verbal correspondence from Mr. Reiner on March 19, 2004 indicating no expected impact to wetlands.

Mr. Mike Bartlett

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), New England Field Supervisor: Verbal correspondence indicated no issues with proposed construction project. USFWS will send letter to AES indicating there are no issues with proposed project.

Ms. Pat Huckery

Endangered Species Project Analyst, NHESP: Verbal correspondence on April 12, 2004 – NHESP would not likely respond via letter until approximately 3 to 4 weeks beyond end of comment period.

Ms. Brona Simon

Director, Technical Services, Mass. Historical Commission: See attached response letter

Mr. John Silva

Manager, Environmental Programs, FAA: Verbal correspondence with FAA on April 12, 2004 indicated there were no environmental issues. However, completion and submittal of FAA Form 7460-1 *Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration* may need to be filed with the FAA.

Mr. Frederick A. Laskey

Executive Director, MWRA: No Comment

SECTION 8.0

COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL FEDERAL STATUES AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

8.1 Federal Statues

- Preservation of Historic and Archaeological Data Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 et seq.
 Compliance: Project does not require mitigation of historic or archaeological resources at this time.
- 2. Clean Air Act, as amended 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

Compliance: Public Notice of the Availability of this report to the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for review pursuant to Sections 176c and 309 of the Clean Air Act signifies partial compliance.

Clean Water Act of 1977 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972) 33 U.S.C.
 1251 et seq.

Compliance: Project does not involve alteration of wetlands.

- Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.
 Compliance: Project is not located within the State designated coastal zone.
- Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.
 Compliance: Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has yielded no formal consultation requirements pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.
- Estuarine Areas Act, 16 U.S.C. 1221 et seq.
 Compliance: This report is not being submitted to Congress.
- Federal Water Project Recreation Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 4601-12 et seq.
 Compliance: Public Notice of Availability of this report signifies compliance with this Act.
- 8. Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.

Compliance: Coordination with the FWS and MA DEP signifies compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

- Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 4601-4 et seq.
 Compliance: Public Notice of the availability of this report signifies compliance with this Act.
- 10. Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.
 Compliance: Project does not involve the transportation nor disposal of dredged material in ocean waters pursuant to Sections 102 and 103 of the Act, respectively.
- 11. National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.
 Compliance: Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (Massachusetts Historical Commission) determined that no historic or archaeological resources would likely be affected by the proposed project.
- 12. National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.
 Compliance: Preparation of this report signifies partial compliance with NEPA. Full compliance shall be noted at the time the Finding of No Significant Impact is issued.
- Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.
 Compliance: Project does not involve activities regulated by this Act.
- 14. Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.
 Compliance: Public Notice of the availability of this report signifies compliance with this Act.
- 15. Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.
 Compliance: Public Notice of the availability of this report signifies compliance with this Act.

8.2 Executive Orders

 Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, 24 May 1977 amended by Executive Order 12148, 20 July 1979.

Compliance: Public Notice of the availability of this report for public review fulfills the requirements of Executive Order 11988, Section 2 (a)(2).

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, 24 May 1977.
 Compliance: No wetland resource areas are located on or adjacent to the site.

Executive Order 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions, 4 January 1979.
 Compliance: Project is located within the United States.

8.3 Executive Memorandum

 Analysis of Impacts on Prime or Unique Agricultural Lands in Implementing NEPA, 11 August 1980.

Compliance: Project does not involve nor impact agricultural lands.

SECTION 9.0

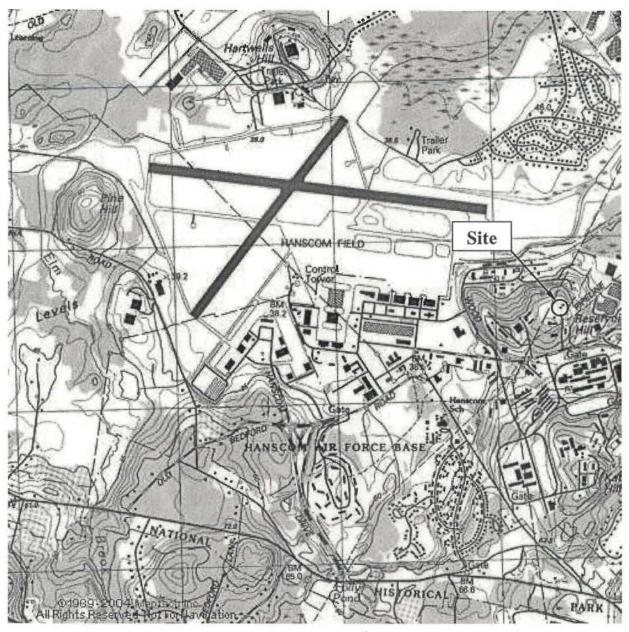
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APPENDIX A

FIGURES







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APPENDIX B

COORDINATION LIST, EXAMPLE COORDINATION LETTER AND RETURN CORRESPONDENCE

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March 11, 2004

Certified Mail

Name Address City, State, Zip Code

RE: Proposed Construction of Military Work Dog (MWD) Kennel and Training Area Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts

Dear ----:

On behalf of the United States Air Force (USAF), Advanced Environmental Solutions, Inc. (AES) is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the construction of an additional building and training area at the existing MWD Kennel (Building 1444) located on the eastern portion of the Hanscom Air Force Base Installation. The purpose of this letter is to request your comments on the proposed project. The following narrative briefly describes the proposed project. A Site Locus Map and project layout (portion of design plans) are attached for your review and use.

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AES is evaluating the physical, biological and socioeconomic impacts associated with alternative Site layouts including adjacent land use, site utilities and environmental impacts to determine the optimal layout for the proposed project.

Coordination Letter to ---MWD Kennel and Training Area Hanscom AFB Page 2 of 2

If you have any questions regarding this project, feel free to contact Bill Picard or Phil Smith of AES at (508) 363-4882.

Sincerely,

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

Philip M. Smith, PG Technical Director

Attachment: Site Locus Map

Project Layout (portion of design plans)

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After review of MHC files and the materials

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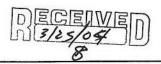
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The project will consist of constructing a 2,400 square foot (approximate area of building footprint) addition to the existing building, and extending the fencing surrounding the exterior dog training area to the west of the current configuration. The building addition will measure approximately 40 feet by 60 feet, and will be attached to the west side of existing Building 1444. The exterior training area will measure 120 feet by 120 feet, will be enclosed by a chain link fence, and will extend westward 120 feet from the west end of the proposed building addition. The proposed layout is shown on the attached design drawing. The purpose of the building addition and new training area is to support the mission of the 66th Security Forces Squadron, and provide better and more appropriate training and kennel facilities.

AES is evaluating the physical, biological and socioeconomic impacts associated with alternative Site layouts including adjacent land use, site utilities and environmental impacts to determine the optimal layout for the proposed project.



Phone: (508) 363-4882

Fax: (508) 363-4883

If you have any questions regarding this project, feel free to contact Bill Picard or Phil Smith of AES at (508) 363-4882.

Sincerely,

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS, INC.

Philip M. Smith, PG Technical Director

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Attachment:

Site Locus Map

Project Layout (portion of design plans)

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ROBERT W. GOLLEDGE, Jr. Commissioner

March 22, 2004

Philip M. Smith Advance Environmental Solutions, Inc. 90 Madison Street – Suite 303 Worcester, MA 01608

RE: Proposed construction at Hanscom AFB

Dear Mr. Smith:

Commissioner Robert Gollege of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection asked me to respond to your two March 11, 2004 letters describing proposed construction activity at the Hanscom Air Force Base in Lincoln, Massachusetts. As described in your letters, sent on behalf of the United States Air Force, one project will involve the construction of a 2,400 square foot addition to the existing MWD Kennel Building and extending fencing around the exterior of the existing dog training area. The purpose of the building addition and new training area is to provide support to the 66th Security Force Squadron, and to provide more appropriate training and kennel facilities. The second project involves the construction of a 6,000 square foot Vehicle Storage Building at the north end of Hamilton Street on a site adjacent to the existing MWD Kennel Building. As proposed, the building would store All-Terrain Vehicles and other vehicles and equipment critical to the mission of the 66th Security Force Squadron.

As noted in your letters, AES is preparing an environmental assessment of the proposed projects, including an evaluation of the physical, biological and socioeconomic impacts. Your letters request any comments the Departments may have in response to the proposed projects.

In reviewing the description of the proposed projects, the Department notes the letters contain no information about whether the proposed building will have a water supply, sanitary facilities, or oil/gas storage areas. The site plan and description of the proposed project site makes no mention of the possible existence of wetlands, vernal pools, contaminated soil on the site or other features the Department typically considers in evaluating construction projects. Nonetheless, based on the limited information provided in your letters, it would appear the



proposed projects would have limited environmental impact and would probably not require any permits from the Department. However, please be advised the Department review of proposed projects generally does not include direct potential biological nor socioeconomic impacts. In addition, the Department recommends you also contact local and federal officials to determine if permits under their jurisdiction may be needed to proceed with these projects.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to comment of these proposed projects. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at 617-348-4045.

Sincerely,

John Felix

Deputy Associate Commissioner

APPENDIX C

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

In re: BESS EATON DONUT FLOUR CO., INC. and LOUIS A. GENCARELLI, SR.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bess Eaton Donut Flour Co., Inc. ("Bess Eaton"), the debtor in Case No. 04-10630 and touls A. Gencarelli, Sr., the debtor in Case No. 04-10682 ("Gencarelli" and, together with Bess Eaton, the "Debtors") have filled a motion (the "Motion") pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 363 for approval of the sale (the "Sale") free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances of substantially all of the operating assets of Bess Eaton and certain related real estate and leasenoid interests of Gencarelli (collectively, the "Business Assets") pursuant to an asset purchase agreement date as of February 27, 2004 (the "Asset Purchase Agreement"), and among Bess Eaton and Gencarelli as Sellers and Tim Hortons (New England); Inc. as purchaser (the "Purchaser"), subject to higher and better offers, and approval of the payment of a Break-Up Fee.

THE PURCHASE PRICE under the Asset Purchase Agreement Subject to certain

THE PURCHASE PRICE under the Asset Purchase Agreement, subject to certain adjustments described in the Asset Purchase Agreement; is \$35,520,000, payable at Closling (less the Purchaser's Deposit), of which \$3,554,127 (inclusive of Interest at 3.44% per annum and prepayment penalty) is evidenced by a promissory note to Gencarelli payable in installments over 5 years. The Purchaser's Deposit is jif the amount of \$500,000.

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PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING COMPETING BIDS: Offers for the Business Assets for a price at least \$60,000.00 in excess of the Purchase Price, Bids may include an offer to purchase beast and the price at least \$60,000.00 in excess of the Purchase Price, Bids may include an offer to purchase Beast Eaton's Bakery Facility and Office Building (the "Commercial Real Estate"). Any bids that include the Commercial Real Estate flusts contain an allocation of the Purchase Price between the Business Assets and the Commercial Real Estate. All bids must provide evidence of the bidder's ability to consuminate a Sale at such price no later than contemplated in the Asset Purchase Agreement, with no due diligence or financing contingency, be accompanied by a duly executed asset purchase agreement in, at the bidder's option, (i) the format provided by the Debtors the "Debtors' Form") or (ii) the format provided by the Debtors the "Debtors' Form") or (ii) the format provided by the Debtors the "Debtors' Form") or (ii) the commercial real Estate. All bids applicable (the "Commerting Agreement", include evidence of authorization and approval from the bidder's board of directors or comparable governing body to submit such competing bid, and identify each executory contract and unexpired lease to be assumed and assigned and each executory contract or unexpired lease to be assumed and assigned and each executory contract or unexpired lease to be assumed and assigned and each executory contract or unexpired lease to be assumed and assigned and each executory contract and unexpired lease to be assumed and assigned and each executory contract or unexpired lease to be assumed and each executory contract and unexpired lease to be assumed and assigned and each executory contract and unexpired lease to be assumed another that the purchase of the purchase of the purchase of the pu

THE MOTION ALSO REQUESTS THE COURT TO GRANT OTHER RELIEF related to the Sale, including the assumption and assignment of the executory contracts and unexpired leases (the "Assumed Agreements"), the fixing of cure claims with respect thereto "Cure Amounts") and the rejection of catrain unexpired leases (the "Excluded Leases") identified in the Asset Purchase Agreement and listed on the schedules tatched to the Motion as EXHIBITS B and C, as such schedules (tray be modified prior to the Sale Hearing with notice. The Debtors propose to pay certain poligations with the proceeds of the Sale.

THE HEARING ON THE MOTION (the "Sale Hearing") is scheduled to take place at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 23, 2004 before the Honorable Arthur N. Votolato, United States Bankruptory Judge at the United States Bankruptory Judge at the United States Bankruptory Judge at the United States Bankruptory Court, 380 Westminister Street, 6th Floor, Providence, Rhode Island. COMPETING BIDS FOR THE BUSINESS ASSETS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 21, 2004 (the "BID Deadline") to the Debtors, their counsel and counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), OBJECTIONS TO ANY OF THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE MOTION, INCLUDING THE SALE, ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ANY ASSUMED AGREEMENTS, CURE AMOUNTS OR REJECTION OF ANY EXCLUDED LEASES, MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 16, 2004 with the Clerk, U.S. Bankruptor, Court, 380 Westminster Street, 6th Floor, Providence, RI 0:2903, and served on Debtors, the Purchase, the Committee, their respective counsel and the Office of the United States Trustee.

Copies of the Motion and the Asset Purchase Agreement are available upon request from counsel for Bess Eaton. Any questions concerning the intended sale may be addressed to counsel for Bess Eaton.

Diane Finkle, Esq. WINOGRAD SHINE & ZACKS 123 Dyer Street Providence, RI 02903 (401) 273-8300



MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. M254-C1, DE-MOLITION OF PASSENGER GANGWAY, BLACK FAL-CON CRUISE TERMINAL, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 2095, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNES-DAY, MAY 5, 2004 immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE; PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE BLACK FALCON CRUISE TERMINAL, BLACK FALCON AVENUE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2004.

The work includes the demolition and off-site removal of the passenger gangway at black falcon terminal

Bid documents will be made available beginning FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **DEMOLITION**. The estimated contract cost is \$100,000.00.

Bid Documents may be obtained at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue. A charge of \$25.00 PAYABLE BY COMPANY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, will be made for these Documents, which charge will be refunded upon their return in good condition, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the General Bids.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sec-tions 44A through 44J inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESS-MENTS - MILITARY WORK DOG KENNEL PROJECT and SECURITY FORCES STORAGE, BUILDING, HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Interested parties are hereby notified that on behalf of the United States Air Force, Advanced Environmental Solutions, Inc. (AES) is preparing Environmental Assessments for the following projects: 1) Construction of an outdoor training area and building addition to the existing Military Work Dog (MWD) Kennel building (Building 1444), and 2) construction of a Security Forces Storage Building addition to the existing Building 1444, Each of the projects is located on Hanscom Air Force Base property. This Environmental Assessments were prepared under the Policy Act of com Air Force Base property. This Environmental Assessments were prepared
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1969, as amended, and all
other applicable federal environmental regulations.
The documents meet the
provisions of Air Force Instruction 32-7061, effective
24 January, 1995, implementing the tasks and procedures for the Air Force
Environmental Impact Analysis process (EIAP). No wetland resources are located
within 100 feet of the proposed activities. If you have
any questions regarding the
Environmental "Assessments or would like a copy
of either document, please
contact the AES at (508)
363-4882.

Pursuant to wassachusetts General Laws Chapter 105a, notice is hereby given that in order to satisfy past due rents and fees owed, the undersigned will sell on Friday, April 16, 2003 at 11:30 am, at the location of the lien holder Planet Self Storage, 100 Southampton St. Boston, Ma 02118, (617) 445-6776. Open to Public with a picture ID and cash payments only accepted.

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

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Sealed General Bids for MPA CONTRACT NO. M257-C1, BUILDING 118 FIRST FLOOR CEILING REPAIRS, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, Will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 2095, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2004 immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT BLACK FALCON CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL, SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, HARBOR GATEWAY, ONE BLACK FALCON AVENUE, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSA-CHUSETTS, AT 10:00AM LOCAL TIME ON WEDNES-DAY, APRIL 21, 2004.

The work includes: INSTALLATION OF GALVANIZED SHEET METAL SHIELDING, INCLUDING RELOCATION AND MODIFICATION OF EXISTING SPRINKLER PIPE HANGERS.

Bid documents will be made available beginning WEDNES-DAY, APRIL 14, 2004.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

The estimated contract cost is THREE HUNDRED SEVEN-TY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$375,000.00).

Bid Documents may be obtained at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue. A charge of TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (525.30) PAYABLE BY COMPANY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, will be made for these Documents, which charge will be refunded upon their return in good condition, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the General Bids.

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The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 25 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the pecifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Japor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greatar.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00). Said policy shall be not an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional insured. See the Insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Return of bid deposits will be in accordance with the provi-sions of Chapter 149, Section 448 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
CRAIG P. COY
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

INVITATION TO BID for the construction project entitled Crosstown Center Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts' dated March 2004 prepared by Howard/Stein-Hudson Associates Inc., Press-

Trossown Center Common Area, LLC, a Massachusetts Corporation hereinafter referred to as the "AWARDING MUST PRETTY" hereby invites sealed "AWARDING MUST PRETTY" hereby invites sealed to be above referenced project of the properties of the propert

All bids for this project shall be in accordance with the provisions of public hid laws, including without limitation, Sections 39F and 39K through 39P of

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APPENDIX D

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Finding of No Significant Impact Military Work Dog Kennel Project Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts

The proposed construction a 2,400 square foot (approximate area of building footprint) addition to the existing Military Work Dog (MWD) Kennel building (building 1444), and extending the fencing surrounding the exterior dog training area to the west of the current configuration has been determined to have no significant impact on the environment. The anticipated impacts will occur to existing terrestrial environments consisting of seeded lawn and dirt access road areas. No wetland resource areas or significant wildlife habitat are located on or adjacent to the site. This assessment has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and all applicable environmental statutes and executive orders. The public notice was placed in the Boston Globe newspaper on 8 April 2004. Revisions to the storm water system design were finalized in February 2005. My determination of a Finding of No Significant Impact is based on the Environmental Assessment and the following considerations:

- a) The construction of the building addition and outdoor training area will result in temporary and highly localized impacts to the landscape within the project area.
- b) The project does not involve alteration of wetlands. No wetland resource areas are located on or adjacent to the project area.
- c) Construction activities will contribute to a localized increase in noise and air emission levels in the project area; however no measurable impacts are anticipated. These increases will cease upon completion of construction activities.
- d) No Federally listed or proposed, threatened and endangered species are known to occur in the project area.
- e) No archeological or historical resources will be affected by this project.

Based on my review and evaluation of the environmental effects as presented in the Environmental Assessment, I have determined that the proposed construction of an addition to the existing MWD Kennel building and the outdoor MWD training area at Hanscom AFB, considering the environmental mitigation, is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, I have determined that this project is exempt from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

2/17/2005

Chris L. Perkins, PE

Chief, CE Government Organization

